

Other Reading Options

Technology

- Try talking books and other audio formats.
- Use speech on a computer or smart device. You'll use keyboard shortcuts to move around the computer screen, or finger gestures to move around the smart device screen.
- Refreshable braille lets you read by touch.

Apps

- BARD Mobile is offered through the National Library Service (NLS) talking book program. BARD stands for Braille and Audio Reading Download. Download books and magazines daily through NLS at the Library of Congress.
- NFB Newsline is a newspaper reading service offered through the National Federation for the Blind (NFB). To hear newspapers read aloud, you dial by phone using the number keypad, or download the app onto a smart device.
- Voice Dream Reader is a reading tool with several reading options. You can choose voices and control reading speeds. There is a fee for the app and for some voices.

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- Dolphin EasyReader is a free, accessible reading app for accessing books and newspapers. You can also copy and paste text from anywhere onto a smart device. You can adjust the low vision features or have text read aloud using VoiceOver or Talkback.

Services

- The National Library Services for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) through the Library of Congress offers a free talking book program that includes books and magazines in audio or braille. Formats include audiobooks and audio magazines on digital cartridges, which are used with a digital talking book player, and hard copy braille books and magazines. Reading content can also be downloaded to a computer through the BARD website, or accessed through the BARD Mobile app.
- Bookshare is a large online library of accessible electronic books. You can download books to a computer or a device that works with Bookshare. There's a yearly membership fee.

See the resource list and the assistive technology workshops for more information.